

TOWN OF GUILDHALL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2013, 7 p.m., the Guild Hall

Present: Richard “Stretch” Martin (RSM), Selectboard Chair; Tim Cahill (TC), Selectboard Vice-Chair; James “Pete” Fay (JPF), Selectboard Clerk; Sam Swope (SS), Town Clerk & Treasurer; Karen Guile (KG), ZBA; Richard Burgess (RichB), Fence Viewer; Pat Rogers (PR), Z.A., J.P.; Eileen Thietten (ET), Lister; George Blakeslee (GB), Lister, Auditor, Moderator; Gary Brown (GaryB), Cemetery Comm., Maintenance Man.

1. **Call to Order:** RSM called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** RSM noted that none were needed.
3. **Citizens’ Concerns:**

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To approve the minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting.

5. **Reports:**

Treasurer: SS presented his report, which is attached to these minutes. He said that the loan (of \$100,000) from the school (taken out on 1.29.2013) would need to be paid back by 4.29.13, because there is a three-month statutory limit to the amount of time a town can borrow money from a school district. He said that the Town would be getting its usual line of credit from Woodsville Bank to facilitate repayment to the Guildhall School District.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To accept the Treasurer’s report, pending audit.

Road Commissioner: TC reported that there were still soft spots on Granby and Fellows Roads and that he was therefore not ready to unpost the roads. He also discussed “apron” maintenance, pothole removal, and this year’s cleanup day.

Zoning Administrator: PR said that there was currently one active permit. She also said that the Planning Commission would be meeting on 4.25 to consider a permit for work on the Essex County Courthouse's ramp.

Listers: GB said that the listers were currently doing site visits and would soon be updating parcel descriptions. He also said that the listers would be sending out change-of-appraisal notices where applicable. GB also discussed upcoming lister trainings.

Water Commissioner: GaryB said that he and Mike Holland, the other Water Comm., had done the following recently: turned on the water at the former Ridgwell property (now owned by Kory Bouthillier); read meters for the first-quarter bills; and tried to recruit a third member of the Commission.

Cemetery Commission: GaryB said that the Commission was working on various maintenance issues in Guildhall's cemeteries.

6. Old Business:

Upcoming meeting: TC said that there would be a special Selectboard meeting at the Guild Hall at 10 a.m. this coming Wednesday to discuss roads (with Dist. 7 Specialist S. Clifford) and various other topics.

"Throwing up" roads: TC said he was considering "throwing up" the following Town roads: Pendrigh, Boucher, and Maplewood Farm. There was a general discussion by all present on these ideas, with the general consensus being that "throwing up" Pendrigh Rd. was the most feasible of the three.

7. New Business:

Resignation of D.T.C.: SS announced that Alfred McVetty had resigned as Delinquent Tax Collector on 4.10.13 and that this resignation took effect immediately.

RSM said that the Board would send a letter thanking the former D.T.C. for his services.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To send a letter to Alfred McVetty expressing the Board's regret at his resignation and thanking him for his service as D.T.C.

SS said that he had received one letter of interest (from Valerie Foy) for the position.

JPF said that, in his view, the position should be advertized for 14 days. SS suggested 7 days instead, citing a modest backlog of items that has built up since Mr. McVetty's resignation.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To post the vacancy in the office of Delinquent Tax Collector and to establish in the posting a seven-day period for the taking of applications.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To set a special Selectboard meeting for Tues., 4.23.2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the Guild Hall, to appoint a D.T.C.

Town Service Officer appt.:

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To appoint Albert Tetreault Town Service Officer.

The Board duly signed the appropriate paperwork.

Magnifier:

SS said that Albert Tetreault had approached SS about the possibility of buying the magnifying machine in the Town office. There was a general discussion on the topic.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To not sell the magnifier.

8. Other:

Chloride spreading: KG asked TC who he would be hiring to spread chloride this year. He said it would be Peaslee's Vt. Potatoes.

Cleanup Day: TC announced the second annual Guildhall volunteer cleanup day. It will be held Sat., 5.18.2013, starting at 9 a.m. (participants should meet at the Guild Hall). The rain date is Sat., 5.25.13.

9. Signing of Orders:

SS presented the orders for payroll and accounts payable for Town and highway accounts for April, and they were duly signed.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To adjourn, at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Swope, Town Clerk.

